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Twenty-Fifth

Annual Report

and

Balance Sheet

For Year Ending February 28, 1950

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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee has much pleasure in presenting to Members the Twenty-fifth Annual Report for the year ending February 28, 1950.

Committee Meetings have been held regularly. This year the Annual Meeting and Social were held on the same evening in the Somerset Lounge. Other meetings were held in the Women's Club Lounge.

There are 128 Active Members and 37 Honorary Members.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mrs. A. W. Macandrew (Auckland) who was a most loyal and generous member of the Society.

Three of our members went to England during the year:—Mrs. O. Campbell, Miss Mary Martin and Mrs. J. Matheson.

We were sorry to lose the services as Secretary of Mrs. Foster Reid who has gone to live in Fiji.

We welcomed during the year two visitors from England, Miss Roux, a Trinity College Examiner, Mrs. Wilson (wife of the Examiner for the Royal Schools, and professionally known as Miss Kathleen McQuitty), and Madame Charles Lamont of Malaya.

We were pleased that the Society's choir commenced activities again under the conductorship of Mrs. Yetti Bell.

Parcels are still being sent to the London Women Musicians through Miss Martin, C/o Cramer's, 139 New Bond Street, London, W.1., and are very much appreciated. We gratefully acknowledge songs sent to our Society by two of the members, Mrs. Dale and Miss Elizabeth Poston.

During the year we adopted a patient at Seacliff and as a result of voluntary contributions from members, parcels have been forwarded through the Chaplain.

We wish to thank Mrs. Woolman, who represents us on the National Council of Women, Mrs. W. R. Scott for her press reports, Miss Ivy Cunningham for auditing the books, and the Women's Club for the use of the Lounge.

On behalf of the Committee—

IRENE BARTH, President.
BESSIE PAINE, Secretary.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMMES FOR THE YEAR

March 14: Annual Meeting and Social. Presentation of five Graduates.

April 11: Talk by Miss Honor McKellar on Music in England. Piano, Mrs. C. B. Johnson (Brahms); Songs, Miss Betty Naylor (Ireland).

May: No meeting was held owing to the date coinciding with the Grand Opera performance.

June 13: Survey of British Music by Mrs. Foster Reid. Piano, Miss Emilie Logie (Farnaby); Mary Frazer (Arne, Pitfield, Bax, Ireland) Violin, Mrs. Dora Leslie (Elgar); Song Group under Miss Meda Paine (Purcell, Quilter, Thiman, Bridge, Williams).

July 11: Scandinavian Music by Miss Muriel Noble. Piano, Miss Marjorie McAdam (Grieg), Pamela Barton (Palmgren); Songs, Miss Mavis Adam (Grieg), Patricia Thorn (Sibelius).

August 8: "Open Evening." Piano Duos, Misses Mary Frazer and Doris Ramsay (Bach), Mrs. C. H. Westland and Miss Nieper (Arensky), Miss J. Jones and Mrs. C. O. Flamank (Thring); Part Songs conducted by Mrs. Yetti Bell (Philips, Byrd, and Arne) · and Mrs. H. B. Naylor's group in Gipsy Songs by Brahms); Instrumental Trio, Mesdames Kirschner, Wallace and Reid (Mendelssohn); Song, Miss Dora Drake (Mozart).

September 12: Piano and Song Recital by Mrs. W. F. Reid and Miss Honor McKellar. Piano (Porpora, Scarlatti, Marcello, Ireland, Ferguson); Songs (Caccini, Falconieri, Monteverdi (Anonimo), Durante, Brahms, Warlock.)

October 10: Talk on French Music by Mrs. W. R. Scott. Piano, Miss Ruth Moore (Faure), Miss Eunice Steadman (Grovley) Songs, Miss Honor McKellar (Faure); Violin and Piano, Mrs. Kirschner and Mrs. W. F. Reid (Cesar Franck).

November 14: Australasian Music arranged by Mrs. L. Beaumont. Songs, Miss Florence Sumner (Martin, Prentice, McBeth), Mrs. D. Hudson (Vera Buck, Keats, Sutherland); Piano, Mrs. W. R. Scott (Sutherland, Lilburn); Piano Duos, Mrs. C. O. Flamank and Miss J. Jones (Hutchens, Evans and Hutchens, Wood); Part Songs (Hutchens, Bridge, McBurney, Dorothy Scott); Violin, Mrs. N. Challenger (Hill, Callaway); 'Cello, Mrs. B. Wallace (Trowell).

N.B.—Annual Meeting and Social, Somerset Lounge, Monday, March 13, at 8 p.m. Supper 2/-. All members are invited to attend. Please inform the Secretary by March 9 if you intend to be present.